

College of Sports Medicine on the completion of a vast new addition to its headquarters building in Indianapolis.

In the early 1980s, Indianapolis' corporate leaders and city officials advanced a visionary plan to make the city the amateur sports capital of the Nation.

We have had immense support from the corporate community in Indianapolis. On December 15, 1983, Mayor William Hudnut broke ground for the ACSM National Center, which has become one of the anchor projects of the Canal area redevelopment. He referred to it as "A cornerstone in the Amateur Sports Capital."

Mr. Speaker, I want to congratulate the American College of Sports Medicine on the completion of a vast new addition so that it would be able to advance the immense amount of work that it has done in terms of sports medicine.

The new wing will accommodate a video-conferencing center and more office space for the growing staff at the national headquarters of the world's premier sports medicine and exercise science organization.

The ACSM is a worldwide leader in the advancement of sports medicine, exercise science, physical activity, and health. The ACSM works closely with diverse organizations, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the American Heart Association, and the Department of Health and Human Services. The ACSM is an association of people and professions sharing a commitment to explore the use of medicine and exercise to make life healthier for all Americans. ACSM is an organization founded in 1954 and committed to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of sports-related injuries and to the promotion of physical activity. ACSM's mission is to promote and integrate scientific research, education, and practical applications of sports medicine and exercise science to maintain and enhance physical performance, fitness, health, and quality of life.

ACSM is the largest sports medicine and exercise science association in the world. Its more than 17,500 members worldwide work in a variety of medical specialties, allied health professions, and scientific disciplines. College members are divided into the following three categories: medicine, basic and applied science, and education and allied health.

The ACSM Board of Trustees was approached with a proposal to relocate its National Center from Madison, Wisconsin to Indianapolis. The Trustees agreed to move the American College of Sports Medicine to Indianapolis, lending the organization's considerable prestige to the city's growing reputation as the home of amateur sports in the United States.

In October of 1984, the building was ready for occupancy, thanks to major contributions from Lilly Endowment, Krannert Charitable Trust, City of Indianapolis, William B. Stokely Jr. Foundation, Eli Lilly Company Foundation, The Quaker Oats Company, and Nautilus, along with those from generous ACSM members.

In 1998, the College broke ground for a much-needed expansion to its Canal head-

quarters, dramatically increasing its programs and activities. The expansion, finished in January 1999, now houses a state-of-the-art videoconferencing center and several other amenities that support its worldwide reputation as the "gold standard" for sports medicine and exercise science. A 35-person staff and \$6 million budget round out its Indianapolis presence.

ACSM's important work and innovations have improved the quality of life for Hoosiers and all Americans. I congratulate the organization on all of its accomplishments and for the significant contributions it continues to make to the Indianapolis community.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. PEASE). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 6, 1999, and under a previous order of the House, the following Members will be recognized for 5 minutes each.

#### SUPPORT OF HOUSE RESOLUTION 99, CONDEMNING LACK OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN CUBA

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Florida (Mr. DIAZ-BALART) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DIAZ-BALART. Mr. Speaker, the House Committee on International Relations at this time is marking up a very important resolution condemning the Cuban government, the dictator Castro, for its latest and ongoing Stalinist crackdown against the internal opposition and the independent press.

Among the scores and scores and scores of well-known dissidents and independent press members who have been arrested in recent weeks are the most distinguished members of the internal opposition in Cuba, and the four best known and also very distinguished members of the internal opposition, Felix Bonne Carcasses, Marta Beatriz Roque Cabello, Vladimiro Roca Antunez, and Rene Gomez Manzano. These individuals were tried in a farcical and secret proceeding on March 1, and only a few days ago, this week in fact, Castro announced the sentences: 5 and 4 and 3½ year sentences for those dissidents.

Now, the internal opposition is working intensely and valiantly in Cuba to draw international attention to Castro's deplorable human rights violations and continues to strengthen and grow in its opposition to the dictatorship. At this time of great repression, it is indeed proper and necessary that the international community, as this Congress is doing at this time and will do next week, demonstrates its firm and unwavering support and solidarity with the internal opposition and the independent press.

What is remarkable and unexpected and condemnable is that while, correctly so, even many of Cas-

tro's best commercial allies, such as Canada and the European Union and Latin American states, have rightfully condemned Castro's recent crackdown, and the government of Spain is reevaluating its decision to send the king of Spain there in the next weeks, and the members of the Ibero-American Summit are reevaluating their decision to go to the summit in Havana later on this year, while all that is taking place based on this crackdown by the Cuban dictator, what is the Clinton-Gore administration doing?

The Clinton-Gore administration has reiterated its intent to send the Baltimore Orioles to Cuba. I know that is unbelievable at this stage as well as in ultimate bad taste. I would say it demonstrates a perfidious bad faith. Because while the Clinton-Gore team says that it is a people-to-people exchange, the Baltimore Orioles will be going to Cuba to a stadium filled by Castro's people. Castro will decide who gets to go to the stadium, Castro will be at the stadium, and he will receive the public relations banquets that will be provided to him by virtue of the fact of this diplomatic gesture of the Clinton-Gore administration.

So I call upon the Clinton-Gore administration to stop its hypocrisy. If the administration is going to condemn the crackdown, condemn the crackdown. They should not say they are going to condemn the crackdown and then say they are sending the Baltimore Orioles, which is what they are doing. So I denounce that as hypocritical, and I denounce that as unconscionable.

At this time, more than ever, the Cuban people deserve and merit and require the unwavering support of the international community, including the government of the United States. I call upon this government to act in a way consistent with its moral and legal obligations to stop its hypocrisy; to cancel this game of Mr. Angelos and the other supercapitalists who want to go and do business with the apartheid economy of Castro, and to say that this is not the time, while the dictatorship is in its last gasps, to be sending little baseball games for the pleasure, entertainment and publicity feast of a moribund dictatorship.

So if there is any dignity left in that White House, I say cancel the Orioles' little game and be consistent with the ethical and constitutional and legal requirements of the moment and stand with a people who have suffered for 40 years and are deserving of the same democracy and self-determination and human rights that has spread throughout the rest of the hemisphere.

Mr. Speaker, It is a privilege for me to join my distinguished colleague ILEANA ROS-LEHTINEN in sponsoring this important and timely resolution along with its other distinguished sponsors from both sides of the aisle.

The Cuban dictatorship's repressive crackdown against the brave internal opposition and